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K&K Auto Care Receives State Recognition for Pollution Prevention

SACRAMENTO, CA – The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has recognized K&K Auto Care as a "Green Station" for implementing significant pollution prevention measures and leading other South Bay businesses in going green.

K&K Auto Care, located at 1741 Border Avenue in Torrance, joined California's Green Station program in 2010. The auto service and repair shop received a letter of recognition and a certificate from DTSC for implementing greener ways to repair vehicles, while reducing waste and using less toxic chemicals. For example, K&K Auto Care switched from using hazardous solvents to using safer, more environmentally friendly water-based solutions for washing all auto parts and brakes.

"It is exciting to increasingly see businesses embrace practices that reduce pollution and protect the environment and public health," said Trina Gonzalez, Deputy Director for DTSC's Office of Pollution Prevention and Green Technology, which administers the program.

DTSC is collaborating with the California Bureau of Automotive Repair to encourage more auto repair shops to participate in the Green Station Program. The Green Station Program offers training and support to automotive repair shops on how to implement pollution prevention measures that eliminate or reduce the generation of hazardous waste and emissions, often saving them money by having to pay less for hauling hazardous waste as well.

By participating in DTSC's Green Station Program, K&K Auto Care has demonstrated its commitment to being green while aiming for innovation and industry leadership. http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/PollutionPrevention/VSR/VSR_P2Model.cfm

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